



Bish E-Zine Easter

WELCOME TO OUR E-ZINE

Dear Friends of the Bish,

The world is a very different place today than it was on the publication of our last ezine. We pray and sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are managing well through these challenging times. By working together and heeding the advice of the medical professionals, we will get through this. We continue to keep our school, our national and global community in all our thoughts and prayers. As we locked the doors of the Bish on Thursday evening March 12th, it was a very strange feeling not knowing when our pupils would be back. Today, March 26th, we are only 8 days into school closure yet it feels that we have made a lifetime of changes in that short time.

As we complete our 2nd week of digital and distance learning I would like to express my thanks to every teacher for working with our students giving them the best possible opportunity for learning. I would also like to say a big thank you to our parents/guardians and students for your commitment and understanding during these exceptional times.

Normally at this stage of the school year we are celebrating winning competitions or commiserating with beaten competitors; this is another aspect of school life that is missing. This ezine may allow us to drift back into happier times, momentarily, to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our students over the last number of months. This is an unprecedented situation and we need to work together to delay and limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. We encourage everyone to emphasise the importance of social distancing to all in their care, so we as a nation can protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

In the words of Daniel Delany, founder of the Patrician Brothers:

"Love God, work hard and Take Care of One Another."



John Madden - Principal.

TRANSITION YEAR



Some of our most recent workshops with our Transition Year students - Healthy Eating/Cooking Skills with Ms. Considine and Mr. Spellacy and CSI with the CSI Experience. The students made a very tasty bolognese dish and learned about food preparation. The CSI workshop shone a light on forensics. They learned about crime scene investigation, dusting for prints and analysis of a crime scene.



Fantastic display of peer learning demonstrated by Transition Year students with First Years. TYs took part in a lifesaving course and were able to demonstrate CPR techniques to our younger students. A vital skill to have. Many thanks to the Science Faculty for facilitating this.



SKI TRIP



Over 80 students and 11 teachers traveled to Ehrwald in Austria in February. The group went between three resorts; Sonnenberg, the Alm, Lermoos and a glacier called Zuchspitze. The sun was shining and the ski conditions were incredible.

U16A ALL IRELAND BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Bish U16A team were crowned All-Ireland 2020 Champions in the National Basketball Arena on Monday 26th February. They defeated St. Pat's College, Cavan in a thrilling final on a scoreline of 49-44 in front of a vocal contingent of Bish supporters consisting of students, teachers and parents singing the 'Fields of Athenry'. Anthony Ezeonu was selected as MVP.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Subject choice for 3rd years and TYs is currently underway with students choosing their subjects for next year. All students have had guidance classes with both our Guidance Counsellors. Teachers have also gone into classes and presented students with information on their subjects and a number of our Leaving Certificate students took time out from their studies to share their experiences of the subjects on offer. We are also extending our curriculum next year with the introduction of P.E and Politics and Society.

Our Guidance Department have been kept busy by being part of the branch who hosted the Institute of Guidance Counsellors National Annual Conference. The Galway Mayo branch, comprising of Guidance Counsellors from all around the city and county, welcomed more than 400 Guidance Counsellors throughout the country to take part in workshops and talks in NUIG in early March. Mr. McDermott is chairperson of the branch and the whole team worked hard in providing upskilling and resources for Guidance Counsellors to take back to their schools. Education never stops! Great support received from NUIG and GMIT.



CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT



As part of our Blah Blah (Bish Languages and/at Home) Creative Engagement Project, musician Sean Gavin visited our school and played with some of our musicians. Great talent on display. Thanks to teachers I. NicAoidh, G. Cotter and C. Lee for organising.

CONNACHT SENIOR B GAELIC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



The winning 1967 team.



1967 winners who came together for a 50th reunion in April 2017.



The winning 2020 team in high spirits after claiming the Connacht Senior B Gaelic Football title for the first time since 1967!





Bish senior footballers annexed the Connacht Senior B football title for the first time since 1967. Bish defeated St. Nathy's on a scoreline of 2-11 to 1-05. Galway U20 footballer Daniel Cox led the way for Bish scoring 0-6 (1f) over the 60 minutes. Bish dominated the first half and aided by a significant wind built up an unassailable lead with a nicely taken goal by Darragh O'Malley being supplemented by points from Ethan Fiorentini, Aaron Kavanagh and Daniel O'Flatherty. With good movement from Liam Melody, David Hurley and Tom O'Connor, the Nathy's defenders were no match for the Bish forward unit.

Early in the second half PJ Ward kept the Roscommon side at bay with a super save. Resolute defending from Conor Corcoran, Josh Ruffley, Aaron Flynn and Rory McDonnell kept the Nathy's forwards quiet which gave a great platform for Conal Gallagher and Evan Nolan to dominate in midfield. A Gary Higgins penalty sealed a brilliant win for the Bish lads in the second half. Bish were due to play Patrician Academy, Mallow in the All Ireland semi-final on March 21st but this was postponed due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. Here's hoping we return to school in the near future and get a chance to challenge for an All-Ireland title. Well done to the whole Bish squad.

CONNACHT RUGBY SCHOOLS CUP FINAL

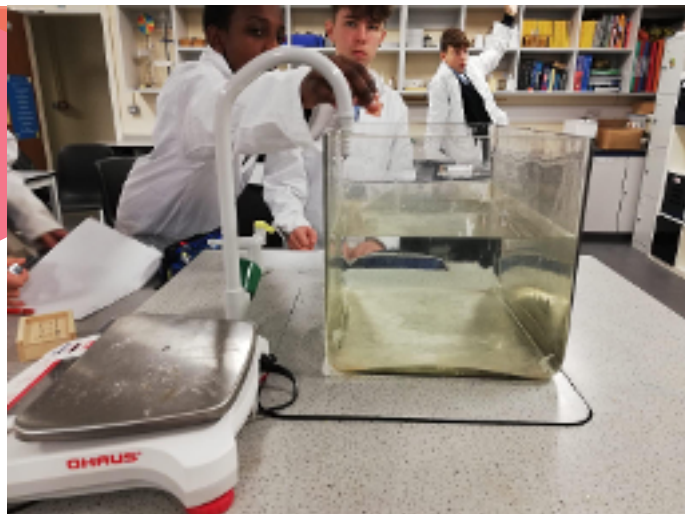


Hard luck to our Senior Rugby team who took on St. Muredach's in the Senior B Schools Cup Final in The Sportsground on the 11th March.

It wasn't to be on the day but there could be no denying that the supporters cheered until the very end and came out in force. The lads played their hearts out. We're very proud of them.



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